Government organisations. Private ISPs are allowed to set up gateways after obtaining security clearance.

(i) Establishment of transmission links - Private ISPs can obtain transmission links on lease from DOT, licensed Basic Service Operator, Railways, State Electricity Boards, National Power Grid Corporation etc. They may also establish their own transmission links, provided they are not available from authorised sources and subject to permission of authority.

(j) Telephony on the Internet is not permitted.

Enhancement of Telephone Exchange capacity in Punjab

37. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans for enhancement of telephone exchanges capacity in the each district of the country in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 particularly in Punjab;

(b) the number of new lines which will be released in the current year in remote areas;

(c) the respective waiting list for the telephones in each of these States; and

(d) whether Government have fixed any targets to complete expansion network this year in the remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Plan for enhancement of telephone exchanges capacity circle wise for 98-99 is furnished in the Statement-I *(See* below). In Punjab Circle including Chandigarh it is proposed to enhance the capacity by 288600. District-wise break-up for Punjab Circle is enclosed in the Statement-II *{See* below). District-wise break-up for other Telecom Circles in the country is being collected and will be furnished later.

During 1999-2000 it is planned to enhance the capacity of telephone exchanges by 54.70 lakh lines in the Country. District-wise plans for 1999-2000 are not finalised.

(b) In the current year it is proposed to release 36 lakh new lines in the country. Circlewise break up is given in the Statement-Ill *(See* below). These new lines will also cover remote areas depending upon demand.

(c) Statewise waiting list for telephones as on 31.01.1999 is placed at Statement-IV *(See* below).

(d) Government has fixed target to complete expansion network in the country including remote areas, based on demand.

Statement-I

Circle-wise Capacity proposed to be increased during 98-99

S.No	Circle	Capacity
1.	Andhra Pradesh	351250
2.	Andaman Nicobar	7700
3.	Assam	68000
4.	Bihar	185000
5.	Delhi	260000
6.	Gujarat	351250
7.	Haryana	125400
8.	Himachal Pradesh	93000
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	41600
10.	Karnataka	266000
11.	Kerala	453100
12.	Madhya Pradesh	156000
13.	Maharashtra	408100
14.	North East	45200
15.	Orissa	82300
16.	Punjab	288600
17.	Rajasthan	235500
18.	Tamil Nadu	405000
19.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	188000
20.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	193000
21.	West Bengal	172000
22.	Mumbai	270000
23.	Calcutta	140000
24.	Chennai	144000
		4930000

Statement-II

S.No.	District	Capacity addition plan in 98-99
	PUNJAB CIRCLE	
I.	Amritsar	22526
2.	Bhatinda	13000
3.	Mansa	136
4.	Ferozpur	
5.	Faridkot	8501
6.	Mukatsar	11055
7.	Moga	4955
8.	Hosiarpur	22000
9.	Jalandhar	20336
10.	Kapurtala	7524
11.	Nawanshahar	3800
12.	Ludhiana	38788
13.	Patiala	17563
14.	Fatehgarh Sahib	8317
15.	Gurdaspur	14815
16.	Ropar	12983
17.	Sangrur	21515
18.	Chandigarh	22000
19.	Punchkula	17000

Statement-Ill

Circle-wise New lines proposed during 1998-99

S.No.	Circles	New planned during 1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	250000
2.	Assam	50000
3.	Bihar	131000
4.	Gujarat	250000
5.	Haryana	95000
6.	Himachal Pradesh	59000
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	30000
8.	Karnataka	200000
9.	Kerala	325000
10.	Madhya Pradesh	110000
11.	Maharashtra	300000
12.	North East	32000
13.	Orissa	60000
14.	Punjab	190000
15.	Rajasthan	163000
16.	Tamil Nadu	280000
17.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	133000
18.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	139000
19.	West Bengal	120000
20.	Andaman & Nicobar	6000
21.	Mumbai	230000
22.	Calcutta	112000
23.	Delhi	220000
24.	Chennai	115000
		3600000

Statement- IV

Details of State-wise Waiting list for Telephones as on 31.1.99

S.No.	State	Waiting List
1.	Andhra Pradesh	150695
2.	Andaman Nicobar	410
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1641
4.	Assam	42271
5.	Bihar	81183
6.	Delhi	0
7.	Goa	10673
8.	Gujarat (Incl. Daman Diu, Nagar & Haveli)	262939
9.	Haryana	120385
10.	Himachal Pradesh	53610
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	37883
12.	Karnataka	168631
13.	Kerala (Incl. Lakshadeep)	673711
14.	Madhya Pradesh	54338
15.	Maharashtra	250104
16.	Manipur	3508
17.	Meghalaya	1474
18.	Mizoram	1748
19.	Nagaland	4102
20.	Orissa	34424
21.	Punjab (Incl. Chandigarh)	217845
22.	Rajasthan	147865
23.	Sikkim	6960
24.	Tamil Nadu (Incl. Pondicherry)	364769
25.	Tripura	4876
26.	Uttar Pradesh	122240
27.	West Bengal	121362
		2939647

Outstanding amount against Cellular Telecom Operators on Account of Licence Fee

38. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: